

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
Piedmont Hall JANUARY 13, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pat Barchetti, Yvonne Besse, Giselle Gervase, John Kelleher, Dave Marti,
Terri Schmidt, Tim Simone, Gail Tishler, Bob Hall, Terri Titus

Absent: Ann Lavesque, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Franco

Call to Order: Members saluted our flag and pledged Allegiance. Tim called the meeting to order (in Ann's absence) at 7:06.

Secretary's Report: November's minutes were presented with no corrections or admissions. Terri motioned to accept and Tim seconded. Approved.
There was no correspondence at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Terri presented the October and December profit/loss statements. There were no questions. Very clear. She also presented the 2024-2025 budget report. Also the break down of the concerts, coffee house and sponsorships for 2024. Detailed and well explained. Thank you Terri.

Other items: Discussion concerning our streaming of concerts. Tim will follow up with Tim Reeney and our position.
Dave Marti is following up on pictures for display in the town hall. Beverly Roberts a local photographer does amazing photos of Sonoma community and a yearly calendar. She has agreed to display some of these photos. Dave will continue to get photos framed and hung. He will keep the commission posted. Thank you Dave, A great project to be viewed.

Tim updated everyone on the "open mic". These were held one in the month of October, November, December. As each one happened, more people came and participated. It was very encouraging. Decided we will offer this again this

year as the interest is growing. Thanks Tim for a great idea which is catching on in the area.

The item on the KC Sisters was tabled until the next meeting as Ann was not available with the information at this time.

Regarding the added sponsor donation level of \$1,000 presented some discussion and felt to leave it as is and not to increase amounts of each level but to do \$500 + \$800 + etc. Motioned by Tim and seconded by Dave to leave levels the same and add a "+" or state \$500 and above, \$800 and above for all levels. Approved.

Bob Hall presented the Visual Arts Scholarship application and what's required. Similar to last years. Dave motioned to continue our \$1500 award. Terri seconded. Approved.

Pat requested new signs for the spring Photography Show as current ones are old and too busy to read. Terri motioned that \$150-\$200 be allocated for the new signs. Dave seconded. Approved.

Signs for the upcoming "Black History Month" being held at the library are all set as money already allocated in the budget.

Terri motioned to adjourn and Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Monday, February 10 7:00 p.m.

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Backett, secretary